

The Alexandria Gazette

MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 12.

The Washington Chronicle calls attention to "the habit which many officers indulge in before their men of speaking of the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the U. S., and his Administration, in not only disrespectful, but often coarse and abusive terms," and calls for the "severe punishment of those who practice it."

The National Intelligencer, of this morning, giving the news concerning the falling back of of Gen. Meade's army towards Culpeper, says: "We have reports of subsequent retrograde movements of the Federal forces to which it would probably be improper to give currency at this time."

Henry Shackelford, Edward Freeman and D. P. Stallard, citizens of Culpeper, sent from the Army of the Potomac, were last week committed to the Old Capitol. Harrison J. Kirk, Milton P. Glasgow and J. Marable, formerly residents of this city and neighborhood, came into the Federal lines last week, and gave themselves up to the military authorities. Several others have reached this place and Washington, from Richmond, and other places in the south, having left to escape the conscription, which was being strictly enforced.

A Confederate guerilla party on Friday night last visited Bailey's Cross Roads, Munson's Hill and Falls' Church, all within a few miles of the fortifications south of Washington city, and escaped without harm, after carrying off some plunder, taking, it is said, from Mr. Paine \$90 in gold, and from a Mr. Irwin \$100 in gold.

PROCEEDINGS AT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.—This morning, Joseph Brown charged by Mrs. Paterson with assaulting her and using abusive language towards her and her daughters, was fined five dollars and costs, and good security to keep the peace for six months.—Several licenses were granted to persons commencing business.

Lieut. Van Buskirk, of the U. S. Gunboat Hуго, lying off this place, who was some time since, arrested and tried by Court Martial, at Washington, has been acquitted of the charges against him but relieved from his command in the Potomac flotilla.

The Unconditional Union Convention of Delaware has adopted resolutions "endorsing the entire war policy of the Government, declaring emancipation in Delaware a necessity, and thoroughly approving and recommending the enlistment and employment of negro troops."

It is reported that Mr. John Seddon, of Va., has been captured as he was crossing the Rappahannock, below Falmouth, a few days ago. A former report was that he escaped.

The exchange of Surgeons has ceased for the present, owing to the detention of Dr. Rucker, by the Confederates, on charges which they have against him.

Gen. Schenck has returned to Baltimore, and resumed command there.

A considerable portion of the time given by the U. S. Commissioners for the collectors of the Direct Tax, has expired. Their office is at the corner of Prince and Washington streets. The whole amount assessed in this county is \$9,500—about \$1000, have been collected.

COUNTY COURT.—The time of this Court has been occupied to day with business of no general interest to the public.

The halls of several houses were robbed last week, of hats &c.; the thieves coming into them just about dark, and carrying off their plunder. Keep your front doors locked.

The Mormons in Utah are receiving large accessions to their numbers, from foreign immigration.

Nearly the whole of the town of Rattle Snake Bar, in Placer County, California, was destroyed by fire last week.

The vineyards, near Cincinnati, have been injured, this year, by the rot, and hardly a fourth of a crop of grapes will be gathered.

The flag of truce boats to Fortress Monroe from James River, have for several trips returned empty or nearly so.

H. Winter Davis made a political speech, in New York, last week, in favor of the war policy of the Administration.

There was a heavy frost last night. The weather is clear to-day, and a bright sunshine enlivens everything. We are having a pleasant fall, so far.

Yesterday was very quiet. Such of the places for public worship as were open, were well attended.

It will be seen, by the news we publish in another column, that important military movements are now going on, in Gen. Lee's and Gen. Meade's armies.

The Pennsylvania election takes place to-morrow. The Administration journals at the North anticipate an easy victory and a large majority.

Gold, in New York, on Saturday, 148½.

The Washington Chronicle says: "Colonel Barnett, Chief of Artillery to Gen. Rosecrans, reports that the Federal loss of artillery at Chattanooga only included fifteen pieces."

The Archbishop of Canterbury having recently handed a numerously signed petition to the Lord Chamberlain praying that all places of amusement be closed in Passion Week, that official politely declines to gratify his Grace, saying in effect that the great mass of the people must not be denied innocent amusements, to satisfy the wishes of extreme religionists.

In the construction of the avenues in the new cemetery of the Holy Cross, on the Harford turnpike, near Baltimore, Rev. Father Dolan has determined to pave them with oyster shells, which are said to be superior to any macadamized road. One advantage which these roads are said to possess that after the shells have become pulverized they form a kind of cement which prevents the declivities from washing. The present is an auspicious time for the trial of such roads, as the shells can be obtained in any quantity for nothing.

[From the Baltimore American.]

A conference of the officers of conscription from the thirteen congressional districts of Virginia has just been held in Richmond. At a collation had during the conference Gov. Letcher made a speech, which is thus reported:

"He said his term of office would shortly expire, but his exertions for independence should not end with his gubernatorial term. He could enter the army—if not allowed to go as a private, possibly he could get a position as quartermaster or commissary; and he didn't know, but thought either position was pretty good in these times. He spoke at some length on regard to the position of Virginia previous to the assembling of the convention. He opposed the assembling of that convention on account of the dissention and party division in the Northwest. The convention, however, did assemble, but the State did not go out by the action of that body—she went out by his reply to Lincoln when he telegraphed for troops. It was his refusal to furnish Lincoln with troops that carried Virginia out of the old Union. When he refused, that was a direct separation. He was told that he had no constitutional authority to refuse this demand of Lincoln.—He knew that, but he looked to the convention to give him the authority. He had done what no other man in Virginia had—he advocated secession, square and fair, during the gubernatorial campaign of 1859. In regard to the present struggle he said he had good reason to believe that it would last as long as the American Revolution did." [Voices: Never, Never.]

A sad accident has happened at the Theatre Dejazet, in Paris. The ghost apparatus having been disarranged, one of the chorus singers was substituted in its place. Unfortunately this was not told either to the public or M. Fribault, who represented the murderer. The audience hissed the ghost, which M. Fribault took to himself, and made a thrust with the dagger at the supposed apparition. The poor man gave a horrible shriek, and fell, the dagger which was a sharp-bladed instrument, remaining in his body. A few hours later he was a corpse.

MARRIED.

In Baltimore, on the 8th inst., by the Rev. D. W. Bates, OSCAR W. FRANK, of Westmoreland county, Va., and KATE L. HALL, of Baltimore.

DIED.

In Washington, on Sunday morning, RICHARD R. BURK, in the 70th year of his age.

At Shepherdstown, Va., on the morning of Sunday, the 4th instant, WILLIAM MOULDER, aged 48 years. He was a native of Washington.

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Turnips,	Carrots,
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